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WILD FLOWER SEEDS  
Your choice at 5¢ a packet, postpaid

Colorado is a state with many climates. We live at an altitude of 3800 feet in a hot desert region with severely cold winters. Our seeds offer you something that is drouth and heat resistant far beyond most plants grown in moister sections of the country. Probably all of you wish for plants that do not wilt and die at the first signs of a hot dry spell. In recent drouth years ours have grown under rainfall conditions of 6-11 inches during the entire year. So they can survive drouth, and yet they all respond well to more favorable conditions with more water. Our seeds offer you something new in ornamentals. Probably not all will thrive under your conditions but most are easily grown. With our moderately priced 5¢ packets you cannot risk much. Many will self sow once you get them started. We invite you to try some that seem desirable to you and in turn we know you will have new flowers with beauty and drouth resistance. All our flowers naturally grow in full sunlight on the treeless deserts and all will respond to the addition of lime if your soil lacks lime. Do not plant all your seeds at once but leave some for trial under different conditions. The perennials will probably not bloom until the second year.

## Trees and Shrubs

Amorpha. A shrub larger than A. canescens, the Lead Bush that is offered by many nurseries. It grows rapidly from seed. It is 5 feet tall with locust like foliage and many small spikes of dark purple flowers in June.

Atriplex canescens. A rapid growing shrub from dry alkali deserts, that is desirable for the silvery leaves and bark that contrast so effectively with the green of other plants. It is evergreen with us.

Desert Cedar, Juniperus monosperma. A hardy desert cedar. There are many trees that were alive before the days of the Spanish Conquistadors. The leaves are scale like and the whole color is light green.

Hackberry, Celtis occidentalis. A tree very similiar to the American Elm but without so many insect pests. Our strain grows near desert springs and is cold, wind, and heat hardy.

## Perennials

Prickly Poppy, Argemone intermedia is a white flowered poppy bearing 3 inch flowers. It is a hardy perennial poppy from our deserts, growing 30 inches tall and flowering profusely. Leaves are silvery green.

Argemone grandiflora hybrida is the usually cultivated form. It is a smaller less prickly annual with smaller pale yellow flowers.

Evening Star, Mentzelia decapetala. A hardy perennial with stout bushy growth 30 inches high. It has dozens of 4 inch creamy white flowers opening toward evening, and quite fragrant. Each blossom is like a Night Blooming Cereus (and indeed Mentzelias are very distant cousins of the cacti) with 10 petals and hundreds of creamy stamens. Mentzelias are also called Nuttalia.

Mentzelia nuda does not branch and grows 3 feet tall. The plant growth is not as desirable but the blossoms are prettier and have more petals, altho they are a little smaller. The large straight root transplants easily.

ANNUALS

White Evening Primrose. A One foot annual that has 4 inch white blossoms opening toward late afternoon. A very attractive drouth resistant flower.

Purple Annual Aster. A medium sized annual of rapid growth. It is a mass of purple daisies with yellow centers and has finely cut grayish leaves. It grows under the driest conditions and better under irrigation.

Cleome serrulata. A 3-5 foot annual with a tree-like shape. Each branch is tipped with clusters of lavender flowers with long stamens. Ours is the same as offered in many catalogs but is desert grown and a hardy strain.

Snow on the Mountain, Euphorbia marginata. A showy 3 foot annual that like the Poinsettia has small blossoms but showy leaves below the blossoms. These leaves are green edged with white. Many catalogs offer the same plant but our seed is desert grown. For those who want a similiar plant with red on the tip leaves we offer the Summer Poinsettia, Euphorbia marginata. Both like hot places and are drouth resistant.

Wild flower seeds usually fall off the plant in the summer and either come up that fall or wait until early spring to germinate. All our wild flower seeds should be fall planted or planted early in the spring during cold weather. They will not germinate so readily if the soil gets thoroly warmed.

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Amaranthus, Princes Feather is a fine plant for a hot sunny location where almost nothing else will stand the heat. We have a very red leaved selection that is superior to those usually offered.

Zinnias grow exceptionally well here and much of the seed that is sold is grown in the irrigated valley here. We have selected mixtures of the Giant Flowering and Pompon types.